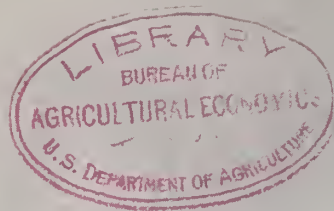


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Our Future Strength

Depends on How We Use Our Farm Program

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More than 6 million farmers are now working together to make themselves and the democracies of the world stronger . . . to save Americans from poor living on defeated land . . . to store fertility in the soil and put great reserves of food into defense uses . . . to make this a better and safer country.



When Good Soil is Gone, the Living is Poor

More Work—Less Yield

Poor land yields poor crops, demands more work for less return. In pioneer days, farm families moved from worn-out land to the next frontier. Today, no free land is left. Today's frontiers are at home.

Higher Costs—Lower Income

Two poor acres often yield less than one good acre. Poor land means taxes to pay on a larger acreage, more plowing, more seed—and less cash return to the farm family, less trade in the nearby town.

Less Food—More Doctor Bills

Poor land grows less and poorer food than fertile land. A shortage of the proper kind of food breeds disease. Diseases due to improper diet occur in poor areas where worn-out soil yields a scanty food supply.

Harder Living—Less Security

When the soil wears out, living gets harder. Debts pile up. Credit is harder to get. Farm families often are closed out or starved off the land when fertility has been exhausted.

Through Our National Farm Program
We Have a Better Chance to—

Improve Our Living—Protect Our Income!



The National Farm Program
Helps Us Keep Our Land Productive,
Our Homes More Secure



Here's what we get from the AAA part of our program . . .

An Ever-Normal Granary of food and other farm products—

AAA enables us to produce abundantly, but not wastefully, to store abundant reserve supplies as a bulwark of defense strength for the democracies—reserves to be used when needed, just as corn reserves are now needed and being used

It helps us improve and protect our soil

It brings us more income—and that means more comforts and conveniences for our homes

It gives us more food for home use where needed

This means not only a larger quantity of food, but also better and more nourishing food—the kind of food that's produced on land kept fertile by conservation farming, richer in body-building minerals, better for growing children—Food that protects our present and future strength

These things add up to—

**A STRONGER AND BETTER PREPARED NATION
MORE SECURITY ON THE FARM—STURDIER FARM FAMILIES**

INFORMATION on how to make full use of the AAA program on your farm may be obtained at your county AAA office, from your local AAA committeeman, or from the County Agent serving your community.

Better Soil Holds Hope for Brighter Tomorrows

It's a big job defending the soil of America. Already half the country has been damaged by erosion. Damaged land produces poorer food, makes living harder in every way.

We cannot have complete freedom—freedom of opportunity and freedom from want—unless we keep our soil fertile, capable of producing abundantly for *everybody*, not only now but in the future. That is why farmers are working together in a democratic way to conserve the Nation's land, working to keep it productive enough to safeguard future supplies and rich enough to grow food containing the

nourishment people need for healthy bodies. Farmers taking part in the AAA are planting more acres to crops that restore soil fertility. They are growing more legumes and applying lime and phosphate to replenish the soil with the mineral elements our bodies need.

Through the Ever-Normal Granary, this program assures Americans of abundant supplies in any emergency; and through assistance to farmers in carrying out soil-building practices, it is helping us build up great additional reserves in our soil—reserves that protect our future as a free and productive country.

**AAA Serves All the People of America and the Democracies of
the World in Helping Keep Our Land Fertile and Productive**

